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IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated
below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if
only one name is listed below) or an original, first joint
inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter
which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the
invention entitled:

**HAND-HELD DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY ATTACHING OR DETACHING A
WATER DRIP SYSTEM CONNECTOR OR PLUG**

the specification of which X is enclosed herewith or was
filed on as Application Serial No. and was
amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the
contents of the above identified specification, including the
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is
material to the examination of this application in accordance
with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35,
United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications(s) for
patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also
identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's
certificate having a filing date before that of the application
on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications(s) :

COUNTRY _____ APPLICATION NUMBER _____

DATE OF FILING _____ PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER

35 U.S.C.119 YES _____ NO _____

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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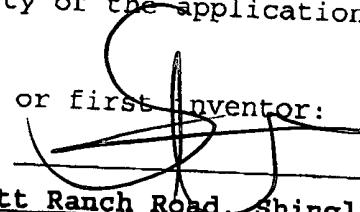
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